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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Heavy trucks and bulldozers move new shipments of waste materials into their final resting places in the active phase of Waste Management's Milam landfill in Madison.

Milam goal: reduce waste

Landfill's plan emphasizes recycling, composting

(This is the first in a series of five stories that will explore the latest innovations in home and business recycling. The reports also will detail how well recycling has worked and the prospects for success in the future. This "Do it for your mother" series was developed with a large amount of research by the St. Louis Jefferson Solid Waste Management District.)

By Jason White
Staff writer

On an average day, Americans toss out 548,000 tons of trash — 4 pounds per person.

Only 10 percent of trash is recycled. The rest is



transported to landfills, where it is buried.

About 30 percent of the waste generated in the St. Louis metropolitan area — 4,000 tons per day — ends up in the Milam RDF landfill near

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County tackles Mitchell plan

Board slates special meeting to consider incorporation vote

Supporters of a vote to incorporate the Mitchell area will have their arguments ready this month when the Madison County Board meets in a special session.

County officials expect to call a special meeting Aug. 13 to consider a recommendation from the board's Land Use Committee on whether the incorporation vote can go forward. The county claims the power to review incorporations and annexations, based on its land-use plan and the economic viability of the proposed area.

Attorney James Sinclair questioned the county's authority Wednesday in a letter outlining Mitchell's position for the committee. The letter was backed by personal letters from 15 Mitchell residents requesting the vote.

Residents have filed petitions to put the incorporation question on the November ballot. The area includes a large section of the new Gateway Commerce Center, a light industrial park going up at Illinois Route 111 and

The people in Mitchell should have the right to decide for themselves whether they want to incorporate. All we're saying is the people should vote.

— James Sinclair
Mitchell attorney

Interstate 270. Construction will begin next week on the first building, a \$24 million warehouse for Dial Corp.

"The people in Mitchell should have the right to decide for themselves whether they want to incorporate," Sinclair said. "All we're saying is the people should vote." (See MITCHELL, Page 3A)

Big Tomato Contest begins

Attention backyard gardeners: It's time once again to win bragging rights, and some cash, in the Journal's annual Big Tomato Contest.

We'll award a \$15 check for the heaviest tomato brought to our office in each of the next three weeks. In addition, a story announcing each weekly winner will appear in the newspaper.

Here's how to enter: Starting tomorrow, bring your big tomatoes to the

Journal office at 1815 Delmar in Granite City. You'll be asked to fill out an entry form, and your tomato will be weighed.

The contest will run for three weeks, with the deadline for each weekly contest at 2 p.m. Friday — Aug. 8, 15 and 22. All tomatoes entered must be grown in a home garden.

Man is charged in fire at home

By Michelle Duell
Staff writer

A Granite City man accused of setting fire to a house during a dispute is being held on \$100,000 bond in the Madison County Jail after being charged with aggravated arson, a felony, police said.

The man, 30-year-old Shannon Biggs of 2330 Iowa, Granite City, was charged Thursday afternoon, Assistant Police Chief Kip Pomeroy said.

According to police, Biggs allegedly set fire to the house at 4:21 a.m. Wednesday.

The house, located at 2330 Iowa, contained apartments, and several people were living in it, but everyone was evacuated and no one was injured, an officer said.

The fire apparently started

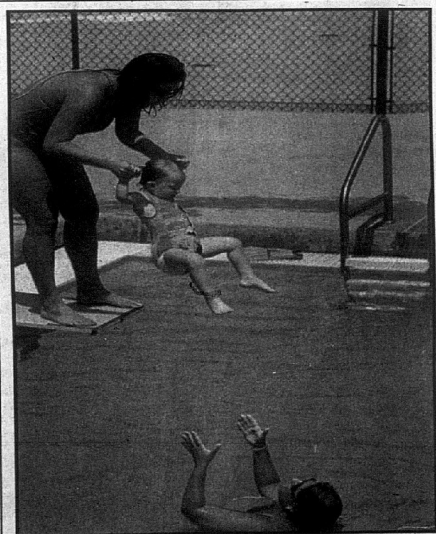
in a mattress in the northwest apartment of the house, police said.

Police were unable to say how many people lived there altogether; however, three lived in the apartment that was on fire, including Biggs, reports said.

According to police reports, Biggs allegedly told police a feud had been going on between two of the residents in the house.

"Apparently, they've been tiffing back and forth," Pomeroy said. The suspect, "has been trying to make us (the police) believe (the victims) started the fire."

Fire Chief Keith Talley was unavailable Friday for comment on the amount of damage to the property.



(Photo by BRUCE DAVE)

Swimmin' — Lifeguard Nicole Zelenka teaches two-year-old Clara Champion techniques of jumping into the water at the Granite City pool as lifeguard Tiffany Bradford keeps an eye on Clara. Clara is enrolled in the waterbabies program. She is the daughter of Allen Champion and Dawn Derrossett of Granite City.

Expenditures may double

City Council authorizes \$6.6 million in spending

By Michelle Duell
Staff writer

The Madison City Council has approved a \$6.6 million appropriation ordinance for administrative expenses, unpaid bills and contract liabilities.

The amount is a \$3.8 million increase over last year's, which totaled \$2.8 million.

"It is substantially higher than last year," Mayor John Hamm said Thursday. "That's because of expansion of services."

"State statute mandates that you have appropriations stipulated," said Hamm, while pointing out that the appropriations were not a budget and do not mandate that that amount be spent.

"The appropriations may be there for X amount of dollars,

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but if you don't have that kind of money to spend, you can't spend it," he said. "You're appropriating that amount of money in case you need to spend it, but that is not a hard line amount of money."

Despite the large increase, no tax hikes are planned this year, Hamm said. "If anything, we are going to lower the taxes."

"To me that (the appropriation ordinance) really doesn't mandate us spending more than we have in the city, so we're not going to go over those numbers."

"But with the racetrack and two other projects going on in

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Raffle helps pay for research on illness

7-year-old suffers from rare, deadly disease

By Michelle Duell
Staff writer

The Berra family was grateful when the Granite City Elks held a raffle to raise money for research for daughter Natalie, a 7-year-old who two years ago was diagnosed with a rare and deadly disease — hyperoxaluria.

With help from two local sponsors — Heidman Steel and Novacich's Meat Market — the effort raised more than \$3,500 from the raffle and brought another \$300 check from the Elks.

The money was given to Tim Berra, who forwarded it to the Oxalosis Hyperoxaluria Foundation in St. Louis, said Tom Becherer of Heidman Steel.

Berra works at Heidman. "Probably 50 to 75 (people) participated in the raffle," Becherer said. "All the proceeds went toward research."

Lisa Berra, Natalie's mother, said hyperoxaluria results from the liver's failure to produce an enzyme that enables the body to eliminate a crystal glass-like substance called oxalate.

This genetic disease eventually affects all organs in the body, starting with the kidneys, Lisa Berra said.

Lisa said she and Tim, who live in South St. Louis, first became aware of Natalie's disease after blood was found in her urine.

At first, Natalie's doctor thought it was a kidney infection, Lisa said, but when her urine continued to show blood, he became concerned and referred her to a nephrologist.

After many tests, the doctors finally diagnosed Natalie's disease, she said.

This was two years ago, Lisa said. "Natalie had ten times the number of oxalates normally present in the urine, which on the average is zero to 40," Lisa said.

"Oxalates are like glass crystals. They were cutting up her kidneys."

Currently, Natalie's kidney function at a level of 82 percent, Lisa said. In addition to the decreased function, the oxalates cause kidney stones, she said.

"It's very painful," Lisa said. When the Berras first learned of Natalie's disease, they could not find anyone who was actually researching it. The reason, Lisa said, was because only 120 cases of the disease exist in the United States.

As a result, the Berras began raising money for research, and last spring it actually began to happen.

"She looks very healthy, but she has this disease ravaging her body. She gets up, goes to school and plays."

— Lisa Berra

"The majority of the afflicted are children," Lisa said. "It is written in journals that renal failure occurs in five to 10 years (after the disease begins)."

Natalie shows no signs of the disease outwardly, Lisa said. "She looks very healthy, but she has this disease ravaging her body," she said.

"She gets up, goes to school and plays."

Eventually, however, Natalie will have to have a liver/kidney transplant, Lisa said, but presently, she is not in a life threatening situation.

Lisa said the raffle was a "wonderful surprise."

"Obviously," Tim Berra said, "it was overwhelming when we found out this raffle was going to be donated by the Elks Lodge. We find this generosity every time we tell our story."

"It's hard to ask for donations," Tim said.

"So we try to put on events that people want to come to. You've got to put your pride aside and say, 'this is not only for the benefit of our daughter, but others.'"

In the meantime, Natalie combats her illness by drinking one gallon of water daily and eating foods that are low in oxalates.

She also takes 250 mg daily of vitamin B6.

Tim and Lisa have another child, Timmy, who is 5.

"It's hard to imagine losing one of our kids," Tim said.

Those wanting to make a contribution for research on oxalosis hyperoxaluria may send a check to the Oxalosis Hyperoxaluria Foundation, 3930 Saxon Drive, St. Louis, Mo. 63125.



(Staff photos by JOHN FRESO)

Natalie Berra chooses the lots for the raffle.



Tom Becherer, left, organized a charity raffle through the Granite City Elks to benefit Natalie Berra. The money raised, more than \$3,500, was then presented to Natalie's parents, Lisa and Tim Berra, center, by Elks 1063 Exalted Ruler Joe Willis, right. In the front row are Natalie, front right, and her brother Timmy, front left, 4.

Haine files pool charges

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

The drowning death of a 6-year-old boy in a pool at a Collinsville motel has resulted in charges being issued in Madison County and at least a temporary closure of the pool.

Madison County State's Attorney William Haine announced during a press conference Thursday that both the corporation owning the Travelodge Hotel, 475 N. Bluff, and the corporate president were charged with violations of the state Swimming Pool and Bathing Beach Act. Named in the charges were Associated Hospitality Inc., doing business as Travelodge, and the corporation's president, Arvin "Andy" Patel.

A hearing on the charges is set for Aug. 11.

Also on Thursday, Haine's office secured a temporary restraining order from Chief Judge Nicholas Byron to close the pool for 10 days. Haine said the owners will have to show that the problems have been resolved by that time for the pool to be reopened.

The violations are misdemeanor offenses punishable by up to one year in jail or up to a \$1,000 fine.

The Illinois Department of Public Health on Tuesday issued to Patel a notice on non-compliance citing violations at the pool. An inspection of the pool is scheduled for Aug. 5.

Tony Sanderson, a spokesman for the IDPH, which handles public pool inspections, said he did not know how the closure would affect the inspection.

The charges stem from a July 20 incident when Ronald M. Burris Jr., 6, drowned in the motel's pool. The child apparently slipped unnoticed to the bottom of the pool, although other swimmers may have been in the pool at the time.

The bottom of the pool could not be seen because the water was murky, officials have said.

The law requires that the drain in the bottom of a pool be visible from the pool's deck for the pool to be closed.

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people should vote."

Committee chairman Jack Frandsen, D-Alhambra, said he has no quarrel with incorporation of the residential area, "but they want the whole thing," he said.

"If they started out with the residential area, it would make a lot more sense."

Sinclair said the county has no power to review the annexation under its resolution adopted July 16, but, even if it did, the Mitchell proposal meets the county's requirements.

The proposed area, with a population of 8,000, could operate on a \$669,800 annual budget that would provide \$75,000 in administrative costs; \$305,000 for police protection; \$351,800 for streets; \$30,000 for planning and zoning; and \$15,000 for insurance.

Income could be generated from \$766,400 in per capita taxes; \$11,400 in franchise taxes;

and \$182,000 in property taxes, based on a \$33,882,301 tax base.

The district compares favorably with tax bases of \$31.5 million in nearby Hartford and \$37.1 million in Maryville. At \$33.8 million, it would have a larger tax base than South Roxana or Pontoon Beach, which objected to Mitchell's incorporation, Sinclair said.

The police budget would cover one deputy always on duty contracted through the Madison County Sheriff's Department. Basic fire, water and sewer service would continue to be provided by current suppliers.

The road costs could get help from Chouteau Township's \$190,000 road budget, which covers about 75 percent of the proposed village, Sinclair said.

Building and Zoning Administrator Joe Parente said the information would be reviewed and made available to all County Board members before the August meeting.

A first report could be ready Wednesday for the Land Use Committee meeting, officials said.

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Journal Register Company, Suburban Journals parent, reports record 2nd quarter

Journal Register Company, parent company of the Suburban Journals, reported record revenue and record EBITDA and net income, as adjusted, for the second quarter of 1997.

EBITDA is defined as earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization. Journal Register Company Chairman, President and CEO Robert Jelenic said that the company was "extremely pleased with our results for our first quarter as a public company."

"We are particularly pleased with our significant increase in advertising revenue, our record operating cash flow, which increased 18 percent over the prior-year quarter, and our strong net income growth," he said. "Our record results reflect the strength of our franchisees."

Journal Register Company common shares began trading on the New York Stock Exchange in an initial public offering May 18 under the symbol JRC. The company's common stock closed July 28 at \$17 15/16 per share, an increase of 28 percent from the initial offering price of \$14 per share.

The company said that its earnings were adjusted to reflect the effect of its initial public offering and the planned implementation of tax-saving strategies.

The company's net income, as adjusted, increased 75 percent over the prior-year quarter to \$13.9 million, reaching earnings per share of \$.23, also as adjusted.

The increase in adjusted net income was partially driven by strong advertising revenue growth of 5 percent, as compared to the second quarter of 1996, according to the company.

Journal Register Company is a leading U.S. newspaper publishing company that owns 18 daily newspapers and 119 non-daily publications. Journal Register Company has total paid daily circulation of approximately 545,000 and total non-daily distribution of 2.7

million. The company said that its operations are strategically clustered in five geographic areas: Connecticut, Ohio, Philadelphia and its surrounding areas, the greater St. Louis area and central New England. Journal Register Company newspapers, including the Suburban Journals, are characterized by an intense focus on coverage of local news and sports.

"Journal Register Company newspapers are strong community partners and work to enhance the quality of life in their communities," said Jean B. Clifton, Journal Register Company executive vice president, chief financial officer and treasurer.

Among the company's principal newspaper properties, is the Suburban Journals, the largest group of weekly newspapers in the U.S. based on the Journals' total distribution of 1.6 million newspapers, and the New Haven Register, Connecticut's second largest daily and Sunday newspaper with 100,061 daily and 115,285 Sunday circulation.

The majority of Journal Register Company daily newspapers have been published for more than 100 years and are established franchises with strong identities in the communities they serve. The New Haven Register, established in 1812, has roots in the New Haven community dating to 1755. The Times Herald, Norristown, Penn., established in 1799, is the 12th oldest continuously published newspaper in the U.S. The News-Herald, in Lake County, Ohio, was established in 1878; the Daily Local News, West Chester, Penn., in 1872; and The Herald News, Fall River, Mass., in 1872.

Landlords to meet

The Metro East Landlords Association will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 4, with an indoor picnic and real estate trade show at the Collinsville Eagle's Lodge, 940 California Ave. The program will begin at 8 p.m.

VOICE BOX

What are the most fun things you have done this summer?



"I like to go to the park and I liked Six Flags and swimming."

Steven Williams, 8
Madison Student



"The movies are fun. I like the fireworks (on) the 4th of July. I was high in a apartment so I could see them good. We were on the balcony."

Deborah Kite, 9
Granite City Student



"Playing in the park and my birthday party. It started at 11 and it ended at 12 at night. I like to play basketball too."

Brandon Williams, 10
Madison Student



"We went peach picking and we had a big barbecue. We went to the park pool. We went to the zoo and camped out. My mom and me grew lots of tomatoes this summer."

Ashley Obamas, 9
Granite City Student



"Playing basketball. We go camping every weekend to Litchfield Lake. I drive a boat and go into the woods. I like to swim in the lake."

Jake Baldwin, 11
Granite City Student

Photos and interviews by Shirley Valencia
Interviewed at Tri City Park Child Care Center

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the city, we do have more money coming into the city," Hamm said.

Hamm said recently that he "had a firm grip on expenditures," and that much of the money for current projects is being found through collecting fines, stepping up patrol of drivers who speed and finding money within City Hall's resources.

"We may have new sources of income, but we are not at liberty to say what they are at this time," said Madison City Attorney Casper Nghohossian. "It's not like a budget."

"It gives us upper limits that we can spend based on hoped for income, and if we don't get it, we can't spend it," he said.

"We spent a lot less last year than last year's appropriations," Nghohossian said. "We'll probably spend a lot less again this year."

In addition, Nghohossian said, none of the appropriation money can be spent unless it goes before the City Council and is approved.

With the opening of the renovated Gateway International Raceway this summer, the number of fans who have attended events has had a great impact on Madison in terms of dollars spent for tickets and putting Madison on the map.

More than 50,000 have attended the two biggest events, and Madison is preparing itself by cleaning the community to draw investors.

Under the appropriation ordinance, the biggest amounts went to the Executive Department, the Legal Department, the Police Department, police pension, the Fire Department, buildings, motor fuel funds, streets and sewers.

Funds were appropriated for the following departments and

liabilities:

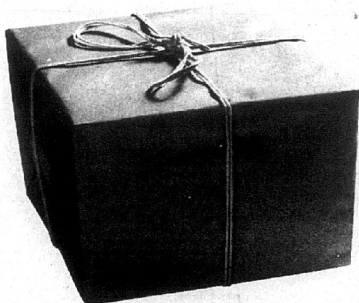
Executive Department, \$177,600 this year, \$92,030 last year; Legislative Department, \$67,800 this year, \$61,100 last year; city clerk, \$16,950 this year, \$7,600 last year; treasurer, \$18,175 this year, \$9,170 last year; comptroller, \$74,575 this year, \$69,280 last year; Legal Department, \$223,000 this year, \$82,500 last year; police commissioners, \$11,400 this year, \$11,400 last year; Police Department, \$765,793 this year, \$627,762 last year; police pension, \$152,975 this year, \$0 last year; Fire Department, \$303,350 this year, \$252,250 last year.

Emergency Services and disaster agencies, \$26,800 this year, \$2,800 last year; buildings, \$383,212 this year, \$222,800 last year; street lights and fire hydrants, \$72,000 this year, \$61,000 last year; motor fuel funds, \$142,900 this year, \$145,500 last year; streets and sewers, \$680,975 this year, \$489,878 last year; refuse, \$217,418 this year, \$200,890 last year; Alarm Department, \$111,350 this year, \$109,850 last year; Building Inspector/Zoning Department, \$81,700 this year, \$94,850 last year; Health and Human Department, \$23,275 this year, \$49,375 last year.

Library, \$189,120 this year, \$94,725 last year; playground and recreation, \$136,500, \$174,900 last year; bridge, \$25,100 this year, \$25,100 last year; Industrial Park, \$10,000 this year, \$0 last year; shopping center, \$100,000 this year, \$0 last year; TIF district, \$1 million this year, \$0 last year; Capital Improvement Fund No. 1, \$500,000, \$0 last year; Capital Improvement Fund No. 2, \$500,000, \$0 last year; Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund and Social Security, \$150,000 this year, \$0 last year.

Liability insurance, \$277,500 this year, \$0 last year; personnel, \$127,500 this year, \$124,000 last year; Contingency Fund, \$25,000 this year, \$25,000 last year; audit of books and records, \$15,000 this year, \$15,000 last year.

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Volunteers get plaques for aid

Bubblemasters thanks those who helped after tragedy

The Bubblemasters Underwater Recovery Team thanked some key helpers Wednesday for their assistance after the fireworks tragedy that occurred July 3 on the Mississippi River at Alton.

Standing on the banks of the river in Alton, BURT Chief Vance Weiss, of Granite City, presented plaques of appreciation to representatives from the Alton Volunteer Emergency Corps, Alton Belle Casino and Belle's Landing restaurant.

Weiss said the AVEC volunteers kept boaters away from Bubblemasters divers July 4 while they searched 12 hours for two of the three men who died in the blast.

"They had to be kept away, especially on the Fourth of July, when all the crazy people were out," Weiss said.

A crew of between 16 and 18 Bubblemasters volunteers helped the five divers as they searched the waters of the river. One body had been recovered from the fireworks barge shortly after the explosions; the other two were discovered July 5 in the Melvin Price Locks and Dam at Alton.

About halfway into the July 3 show, some of the fireworks misfired and set off an explosion that killed the three workers employed by Mad Bombers

Fireworks Production Inc., of Crown Point, Ind.

Harold Waggoner, president of AVEC, said diving for bodies is dangerous enough without the added hazard of boats on the water.

"Anything we do on that river is dangerous. You can't see what is in front of you, you have to feel with your hands" to locate objects while avoiding dangerous debris in the river, he said.

"You tag a line and work in a circle. It's like a dark hole." Weiss and Bubblemasters captain Marge Crockarell also thanked Larry Zimmerman, director of operations for the Alton Belle, and Stephan Russ, food and beverage director for Belle's Landing, for their staffs' contributions on the night of July 3.

Weiss said rescuers used security tapes from the exterior of the Alton Belle to zero in on where the men fell or jumped into the river.

The two facilities also provided drinks to rescuers, allowed them to use restrooms and converted the boats to "bases of operation."

"They were super. Just about everything we asked for, they provided," Weiss said.

— From The Telegraph



Cool off — Kevin Link of Granite City looks on as his son, Shawn, 2, rides down the frog slide Monday afternoon at the municipal pool at Wilson Park.

Big Brothers seeks mentors

Organization hopes to double number of adults in program

By Kimberly Haas
Staff writer

In keeping with a commitment made earlier this year, Big Brothers Big Sisters is trying to expand the number of mentors in its program.

Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of Southwestern Illinois has committed to doubling its number of matches with children, while continuing to serve 300 children at the same time. The organization made the pledge during the 1997 Big Brothers Big Sisters of America National Conference on June 27 in Minneapolis.

The southwestern Illinois facility is just one of 500 Big Brothers Big Sisters affiliates nationwide, all of which are hoping to expand their programs.

BBBS of Southwestern Illinois currently has 145 children on its waiting list to be matched with mentors, said Barbara Cempura, executive director of the affiliate.

"Our goal is to double the youngsters we have matched by the year 2000 — 145 is a very big goal. But our board of directors and staff are committed to doing this," she said.

The bottom line for the agency, she said, is to match more children with volunteers.

"We think we are going to reach our goal. This is the first time we've ever made such an ambitious goal for ourselves," she said.

Most of the children needing to be matched are between the ages of seven and 14, Cempura said.

"They really need people in their lives that they can trust," she said.

Mentors are asked to volunteer for one year, spending between 10 and 12 hours a month with their child.

Volunteers also will go through an initial training period before actually beginning with BBBS. Training includes a number of topics: communication, abuse prevention, and development.

Any questions about the program or volunteering for BBBS of Southwestern Illinois can be answered by a case manager, Cempura said. For more information on the program call 388-3162.

With the summer months, Cempura said the number of calls for volunteers to help children increases.

"In the last two to three months, we've had an increase in the number of calls, partly because of the summertime. We also get a lot of referrals starting in October when the kids go back to school," Cempura said.

Enrollment is under way for classes in income tax preparation to be held this fall at Cucca and O'Saben Tax Service Inc. in Maryville.

The 10-week course, which will begin the week of Sept. 8, offers a solid foundation in tax preparation not only for individuals preparing their own

tax returns but also for those wishing to enter the tax preparation field.

Topics included are: filing status and dependency exemptions, investment, rental, and business income and expenses, capital gains, depreciation, estimated tax and tax planning.

Current tax changes for 1997 and proposed changes now before Congress will also be discussed.

Day and evening classes are available; however, class size is limited. For more information, call 288-0877.

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OBITUARIES

Weeks, Lois

LOIS WEEKS, nee Vandervier, 83, of Mitchell died at her home on Thursday, July 31, 1997. She was born on Feb. 20, 1914 in McClean County, Ky.

She was a correspondent for the *Granite City Press-Record* for more than 25 years, until her retirement in the 1970s. She wrote "The Mitchell News" for more than 25 years for the *Edwardsville Intelligencer*. She was a member of the Mitchell Presbyterian Church for more than 50 years, along with being a charter member of the Chouteau Senior Citizens, senior citizens quilting group, Daughters of Union Veterans of Civil War, former Democratic precinct committeewoman for Precinct #1 in Chouteau Township, and a former deputy voter registrar.

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In St. Louis and was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City and the Mexican Holy Family Commission.

Survivors include three sons, Toby Lopez of Washington, D.C.; Raymond and David Lopez, both of Granite City; one daughter, Maria Lopez of Granite City; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were Saturday, Aug. 2, at Holy Family Catholic Church with the Rev. Bill Fisherkeller officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to Holy Family Church. Arrangements were made by Irwin Chapel on Maryville Road in Granite City.

Sanders, John

JOHN L. SANDERS, 72, of Granite City, formerly of Cahokia, died on Wednesday, July 30, 1997, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. He was born on Feb. 2, 1925, in Egypt, Ark.

Mr. Sanders was formerly a parking lot attendant for S & H Parking Services in St. Louis.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Mae Sanders; his father, William Roscoe Sanders; one brother, Lloyd Sanders; and two sisters, Ruby and Lavene.

Surviving are his wife, Mae (McCollom) Sanders; children, Jonellene "Susie" (Dennis D.) Daniel of Cahokia, Billy Ray (Donna) Sanders of Madison, Ill., and Michael Vern Sanders of Granite City; grandchildren, Cherie (Myles) Khoury of Cahokia, Pamela S. (Mark) Sellers of Cahokia, Tammy Germaine of Arnold, Mo., Dina (Dave) Mercer of Arnold, Shannon Sanders, Christopher and Jason Sanders, all of Madison, Ill., Amy (Michael) Redding of Fort Riley, Kan., Michael Sanders of

Granite City and Julie Sanders of Desloge, Mo.; mother, Stella (Arnold) Williams of Little Rock, Arkansas; five brothers, Edward, Willie, Marion, William and Roscoe; two sisters, Gladys and Marie; and family friend Vernon Rushing of Cahokia.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1, at Kessler Mortuary Chapel in Fairview Heights with Rev. Charley Westbrook officiating. Burial was in Valhalla Gardens of Memory in Belleville.

Anderson, Annie Lee

ANNIE LEE ANDERSON, 76, of Madison, died Monday, July 28, in Virgil Calvert Care Center in East St. Louis.

Survivors include her husband, David Anderson of Madison; stepchildren Georgia Barnett, Willie and Rev. William Jones, all of St. Louis, and Alonzo Watts of California; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; an aunt, cousin and friends.

Services were Friday, Aug. 1, at the Friendship Baptist Church in Madison with Rev. James Harrell officiating. Interment was in the National Cemetery at Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

Baker, Flora E.

FLORA E. BAKER, 87, of Granite City, died Monday, July 28, 1997, at Memorial Hospital in Granite City. She was born on July 19, 1910, in Green County, Ark.

She was a housewife and affiliated with the Calvary Pentecostal Church. Survivors include three daughters,

Francis "Lucy" Van Stratton of Miami, Fla.; Bea Willes and Jean Morris, both of Granite City; three sons, Odell Nelson and J.L. "Pete" Nelson of Ponton Beach and Wilbur "Bill" Nelson of Steger, and 32 grandchildren and many great- and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Hattie (Barnes) Aust; two sisters, Wilma Wright and Alberta Fry; and a son, Verne Nelson.

Services were held Wednesday at Calvary Pentecostal Church with the Rev. Harold Maynard officiating. Burial was in Buck Road Cemetery. Donations may be made to Memorial Hospital in Belleville.

Moody, Samuel

SAMUEL E. MOODY, 84, of Granite City died at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, July 26, 1997, at his residence following a one-year illness. He was born April 13, 1913, in DuQuoin and had been a resident of Granite City for 42 years.

Mr. Moody had retired from McDonnell-Douglas, where he was employed for 20 years as a sheet metal worker. A member of Central Christian Church, he was U.S. Air Force veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Rose Earlene (Endley) Moody; a daughter, Janet L. (Marjorie) Oberie of Hammond, Ind.; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, William W. and Anna M. (Grille) Moody; and a brother, Gayle Moody.

No visitation or services were held. Mr. Moody's remains were cremated.

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 Lois K. Jones will celebrate her 83rd birthday Aug. 8.
 Tammy Taylor will celebrate her 26th birthday Aug. 8.
 Danny and Cindy Cochran will celebrate their 5th anniversary Aug. 8.
 Jennifer Martin will celebrate her 18th birthday Aug. 9.

Man swimming river to help fight disease

ALTON — Nick Irons is going to great lengths — about 1,500 miles, in fact — to raise awareness about multiple sclerosis and raise money to help find a cure for the illness.

Irons is swimming the length of the Mississippi River to raise funds for research into MS, a disease that has struck his father. The 25-year-old Los Angeles man swam through the River Bend last week and reached St. Louis during the weekend. The former member of the Boston College swim team began his trek in Minneapolis on June 1 and expects to end it in Baton Rouge, La., about the middle of October.

Irons said he plans to end the 1997 Mississippi River Swim in Baton Rouge instead of going all the way to New Orleans and the Gulf of Mexico because "90 percent of the pollution in the entire Mississippi is in the 150 miles between Baton Rouge and New Orleans."

Irons reached the Alton Marina July 25, swimming 13 miles that day from a spot three miles upriver from the Venetian Harbor in Portage des Sioux, Mo. He marked the end of the day's trip by swimming beneath the Clark Bridge, which he described as

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— Nick Irons

"pretty great."

"I have this sort of tradition," said Irons, a swimming instructor in California. "I do the butterfly stroke under bridges. The day's swim took about four hours. Irons said his rate was slower than usual — he tries to average 15 miles per day — because of the effect that the Melvin Price Locks and Dam and the Alton Pool has on the river."

"The locks really affect me swimming," he said. "About five or six miles above them, the current stops. The pools slow me down. I love it when the river is able to flow."

Another factor in Friday's swim was the sweltering heat on a day when the air temperature was in the mid-90s and the river temperature was 85 degrees.

"One thing that is starting to get to me is that the water is really heating up. It's just too warm, warmer than they keep swimming pools," the swimmer said. "You just start feeling sluggish. I have been putting on lots of sunscreen. Mary Kay donated all the sunscreen we could ever use."

Irons has relied on a number of donations in making the MSMS fund-raising trip, including free lodging at the Marriott Pavilion Hotel in downtown St. Louis during the weekend.

Other St. Louis businesses that donated to his cause included Hennigan's restaurant on Laclede's Landing, which donated 20 percent of the proceeds from its business between 4 and 6 p.m. Sunday.

Irons also is accompanying him on the swim. Andy Irons stays near his brother in a boat to provide support and help protect him from bugs, traffic and other hazards of the river.

to the Nancy Davis Foundation for Multiple Sclerosis. Irons said he hopes to raise \$5 million for the foundation during his swim, but his total was only about \$100,000 by the weekend. Still, he wasn't discouraged.

"The swim has two goals: to raise money for research and to raise awareness of MS, to teach people what it is," he said. "If the swim stopped today, we have been completely successful."

Irons based that assertion on the exposure his swim has given him on network television, including two appearances on ABC's "Good Morning America," and numerous newspaper articles and television news reports in the cities he passed by along the Mississippi.

"We got MS in the news, which is something that doesn't happen often," he said. "One of the two goals is already done."

Irons' motivation for the swim comes from his father, a physician who has had MS for about 15 years. "Over the last five years, his symptoms have gradually gotten more severe," Irons said. "I always wanted to do something to help him. I found out the thing we needed to do was to get money into the hands of the researchers, who are the ones who can find a cure. The swim was the best thing I came up with."

Irons said he talks via telephone with his father, a 52-year-old allergist in Bethesda, Md., during every day of the swim.

Irons' 22-year-old brother, Andy, also is accompanying him on the swim. Andy Irons stays near his brother in a boat to provide support and help protect him from bugs, traffic and other hazards of the river.

— From The Telegraph

Drivers license plan cuts waiting time

A new program that lets Illinois' safest motorists renew their drivers licenses without leaving home already appears to be reducing the wait at driver licensing facilities.

Since taking effect Jan. 1, the "Safe Driver Renewal" program has been used by

about 45 percent of those who were offered a chance to skip a trip to a license facility and renew their drivers licenses either by mail or phone.

If that rate of participation continues, the program should keep at home about 450,000 of the 2 million motorists who

each year renew their drivers licenses.

The new program is limited to drivers ages 21 to 75 who have no traffic convictions for at least four years and have never been convicted of a serious driving offense, such as drunk driving.

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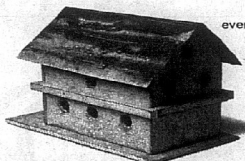
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The sensitive moon joins the sun in the powerful and dramatic sign of Leo. Feelings are impossible to hide, and why should you hide them? Leo's influence is generous, as well as fun. Mercury and Venus in Virgo helps keep our feet on the ground, while the sun and the moon in Leo taunt us to misbehave. Sometimes, temptation is delightful when it's never heeded.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Friends and family gravitate to your place! Your boss asks you to do the impossible — he or she asks because you give the impression of being able to handle anything. Volunteering somewhere new will introduce you to love.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Troubles are few and far between if you keep it light where family is concerned. Romance is difficult with your complicated schedule but not impossible. Kids need hugs galore.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Don't give up on new ideas — they may be ahead of their time. Stymied travel plans or a change of residence will soon take off again. Be understanding of a loved one — you could be his or her only ally.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Let loved ones make their own mistakes, but prepare to help pick up the pieces later. A highly profitable idea dawns. Conflicts of schedule may cause you to break a promise to help a friend — he or she will understand.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 3). Foundations for long-term success are laid. Doing homework now will get you that raise in October. Relax, and consider new loves — how about a Gemini or Pisces? In the next six months, romantic intrigues are short lived but passionate affairs reign.

Education has far-reaching changes through fall. **VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Learn and grow through listening. An old friend confides in you but may ask you to make decisions for him or her. Gently turn down a vacation offer that's beyond your means.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A new friend wants to learn about your territory — your natural suspicions that you are being used may be true. Next week, agree to be responsible, but insist on making the rules.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A sudden need to travel pops up — you'll be ready, but loved ones protest. Don't break bad news by phone. Money shortage? One who loves you will be happy holding hands at a bargain cinema!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Time is on your side, so don't get frustrated at schedule changes. Provide plenty of support for a loved one's goals next week. Delays work in your favor. A past trouble holds up a present plan.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A struggling young friend needs guidance. If you're holding a children's party at your house, prepare for big fun! Admit your own errors, and forgive those of others. One who speaks pessimistically is jealous.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's exciting emotional weather! Be ready to take the chances offered. Plans delayed now go forward next week. Hold on to hope! Old friends put you in touch with new profits.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Fascinating new friends are met! Follow spur-of-the-moment impulses, and take a break from social routines. Far out money-making opportunities are included in today's package.

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Costumed staff and volunteers will serve free home-made ice cream and cookies to visitors throughout the afternoon on the south lawn.

Music will be provided by The Gordans, a popular group featuring folk music. Music will also be performed inside the home by other musicians. The event is free and open to the public although a donation of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children is suggested.

The Pierre Menard Home, administered by the Illinois Historic-Preservation Agency, is the finest example of French Colonial architecture in the central Mississippi River valley.

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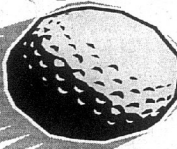
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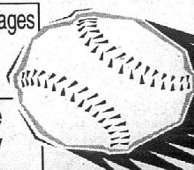
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Bulldozers in the active phase move mountains of trash into place at the Milam landfill so they can be wrapped and then sealed in a layer of clay before final burial.

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Waste

(Continued from Page 1A)

The four landfills in Missouri and Illinois operated by Waste Management Inc. and 126 similar landfills across the United States represent a new approach for the waste industry, said Glenn O'Bryan, Milam general manager.

"We try to be engineers around here and do things according to a plan," O'Bryan said. The approach, called integrated waste management, involves six components: waste volume reduction, curbside collection of recyclables, processing and remarketing of recyclables, composting of biodegradable waste, incineration energy recovery and recovery of methane gas at landfills.

To succeed at the goal of reducing waste, the system requires a partnership between communities and the waste industry, said O'Bryan, a former environmental engineer.

"It really boils down to the question of where does the citizenry want to spend their social dollar," O'Bryan said. "It's at the discretion of the citizens as to what management method is selected."

Milam is involved in recycling, composting and electricity generation — activities that belie the conventional view of a landfill as a big hole for trash.

The electrical generation, which Milam started in 1992, works like this: Anaerobic bacteria feed on organic waste, creating carbon dioxide

and methane. The methane — a colorless, odorless gas — is collected through a three-mile network of pipes under the landfill.

The gas is piped to the generating plant, where it is ignited in three 16-cylinder engines that turn electrical generators.

"We generate enough electricity to power a city roughly the size of Edwardsville," O'Bryan said.

After it closes in 15 to 20 years, the landfill will continue to generate electricity for at least four decades. In addition to conserving fossil fuel resources, the plant turns a profit by selling the electricity to Union Electric.

Milam accepts municipal and commercial solid waste, in addition to Illinois special waste, which includes asbestos and other materials.

Starting at 4 a.m., the waste flows into the landfill on a fleet of 65 trucks that make 100,000 stops each week, 80,000 for residential customers and 20,000 for commercial. Contractors also bring in waste from construction sites.

The first part of the process is the operations center, which has two different entrances, one for company trucks and another for private dumpers. Staff use round-the-clock surveillance cameras to scan the trucks for illegal waste. Milam and other landfills accept only non-hazardous materials.

A computer database keeps track of a myriad of government regulations. "The database" prompts us to stay in time with the regulations," O'Bryan said. "I doubt

The state has 9.9 years of remaining landfill capacity, assuming no new capacity is added and disposal rates remain unchanged.

capacity is added and disposal rates remain unchanged. Capacity is conserved when selected wastes are prohibited from landfilling, when wastes are diverted to out-of-state facilities, when they are incinerated, or are reduced at their source or recycled. The state's approximately 12 million residents generated 13.4 million tons of solid waste, plus 1.3 million tons from other states, 14.1 million tons were landfilled, 278,000 tons were composted and 84,000 tons were incinerated. About 3.4 million tons were recycled, recycling information is estimated, and more than half of the data covers time periods other than 1995.

Source: Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Available Disposal Capacity for Solid Waste in Illinois: Ninth Annual Report.

anyone in this area operates within this level of compliance."

The main landfill area is where the trash is dumped, compacted and dumped again, until it reaches a maximum allowable height. A laser-based system measures the exact height of the trash.

Underneath the landfill is a system of natural and synthetic liners that prevent waste-contaminated water, called leachate, from entering the groundwater.

Pipes in trenches collect the leachate, which is tested each week and sent to the Granite City wastewater treatment plant.

After the waste reaches its maximum elevation, a final cover composed of synthetic membranes, clay and topsoil is built over the trash. The trash is buried at a maximum thickness of 160 feet.

"You end up building an envelope around the entire site," O'Bryan said.

Workers plant grass and grade the soil to prevent the new hill from eroding and exposing the garbage underneath.

"The infiltration of rain and snowfall into a landfill is greatly influenced by grass," O'Bryan said, adding that grass, by taking up excess water, can reduce the amount of leachate by up to 75 percent.

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BIRTHS

Chance, Lucas Mark

DIRK AND AMY CHANCE of Caseyville have announced the birth of a son.

Lucas Mark was born at 9:40 p.m. May 27, 1997, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. He weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces, and joins Brooke, 7, and Logan, 15 months.

His maternal grandparents are Mark and Chris Steadman of Caseyville and Mike and Mary Cardwell of Granite City. James and Delores Eaton of Caseyville and Bert Chance of Hardin are the paternal grandparents.

Lawson, Kristen Demon

RICHARD GREEN AND CAROLINE LAWSON of East St. Louis have announced the birth of a daughter. Kristen Demon was born at 2:50 p.m. May 28, 1997, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. She weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces, and joins Brandon Lawson, 11, and Damian Lawson, 4.

Her maternal grandparents are Christi Lawson of Edgemont and the late Howard Joyce are the paternal grandparents.

Warden, James Alexander

CLIFF WARDEN AND CHRISTINA MARTIN of Granite City have announced the birth of a son.

James Alexander was born May 28, 1997, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

His maternal grandparents are Karen Turner and Larry Turner of Granite City.

Tina Cutright and Ray Cutright of Granite City are the paternal grandparents.

Joyce, Melanie Marie DENNIS AND LORETTA JOYCE of Granite City have announced the birth of their third child, a daughter. Melanie Marie was born at 4:41 p.m. May 28, 1997, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces, and joins Megan, 8, and Michael, 4.

Her maternal grandparents are John and Theresa Straubinger of Granite City.

Mildred Joyce of Granite City and the late Howard Joyce are the paternal grandparents.

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Career day — As part of a 'Community Helpers' unit of study in Mitchell School, first-grade students in Angie West, Debbie McMillian, Sharon Reader and Tom Miller's classes were treated to a variety of guest speakers. Above, Karen Fischer, an operating room nurse at Barnes Hospital, dresses students Karen Shipp and James Aldridge as nurses. At right, Officer Phil Popmarkoff talks to students about his job as a Granite City police officer.

BAC announces spring honor roll

The following is a list of part-time students on Belleville Area College's spring 1997 Honor Roll as released by Ted Lewis, vice president for student development.

A part-time student is enrolled in fewer than 12 credit hours per semester. To be eligible for the Honor Roll, a student must be enrolled in 12 or more credit hours within two consecutive semesters and must maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or better during that time.

The student's names are listed alphabetically according to hometown: Granite City: Mary Aleman, Angela Arriaga, Stephanie Atterberry, Jan Bain, Linda Barnes, Jeffery Barton, Debra Bevil, Gina Blaylock, William Bochenek, Myra Boyd, Kris Brissenden, Patricia Brown, John Calaway, Jennifer Carney, Walter Christian, Denise Cook, Rob Craft, Bryan Cuvier, Richard Daily, Dana Dake,

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11 attend meeting of Phi Tau Omega

The regular meeting of the Eta Alumnae Chapter of Phi Tau Omega Sorority was held May 7 at Charlie's Restaurant. Hosts were June Drew and Elsie Rodell. Eleven members enjoyed a buffet luncheon, followed by cards.

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SIU's Jones adds 'first' in Florida

Even while vacationing in the state of Florida, I could not get too far away from Southwestern Illinois.

Remember last spring when this corner challenged SIU-Carbondale football lineman Damon Jones to get his act together after being taken by the Jacksonville Jaguars in the fifth round of the National Football League draft?

After all, the 6-foot-5, 287-pound tight end from Evansville, Ind., appeared to be getting a real shot to prove his past was, as they say, behind him. Ignore the collegiate football career that began with Jones getting into trouble at the University of Michigan for setting off an explosive in his dormitory and a year later getting arrested for stealing beer from a convenience store.

Look past Jones being suspended twice at SIUC — first for shouting at a game official and later for arguing with a Saluki assistant coach. Jones showed sufficient strength and speed at NFL pre-draft camps to get a \$30,000 signing bonus and three-year contract from Jacksonville.

While some draft experts said Jones would have gone higher and signed for more had it not been for character concerns, Jacksonville coach Tom Coughlin said: "I've challenged him, and his response was he wanted an opportunity to prove some of these people are wrong about him."

In early July, all Jones did was confirm the doubts that followed him from Michigan to Carbondale to the NFL when he became the first player in the three-year existence of the Jacksonville franchise to be arrested.

According to reports, Jones refused to leave the stage of a Jacksonville nightclub called The Club and was arrested for throwing a punch at an off-duty police officer.

Released after posting a \$2,500 bond, Jones then faced other concerns — he reported to training camp out of shape and overweight.

Meanwhile, in other parts of Florida, horses owned by Chicago Bears linebacker Bryan Cox (of East St. Louis) have completed on the thoroughbred level. Cox's favorite is BK's Notebook, a 2-year-old that won its first race by three lengths.

Hopefully, the horse will not take on its owner's demeanor. Recently, Cox was quoted as saying: "I'm not a good loser. I will spill my guts over the course of a game. I'll bite, scratch, kick, do whatever I can to win."

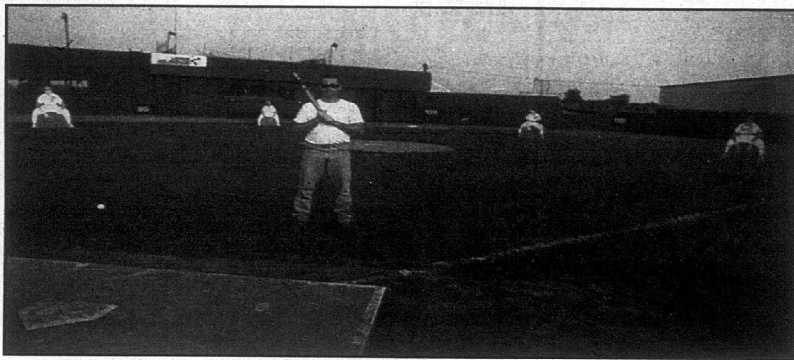
Of being fined repeatedly by the NFL for everything from spitting to obscene gestures, Cox said: "I am not putting on a facade. I am just who I am. I can't help it that I want to win. If I wasn't competitive, and I didn't want to win, you wouldn't see those things."

When guys did things like that back in the '70s and '80s, they were cheered and applauded. I'm doing it in the '90s, and (NFL authorities) are saying, 'Let's get him out of the game.'"

Sounds like Cox would prefer Mike Tyson as NFL commissioner.

OVERTIME: When Benton High School sought a new boys (See ART, Page 2B)

Having a ball in Kings' court



Lakeside Park in Granite City is a state-of-the-art whiffle ball facility. From one direction, the field is a scale replica of Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, while the other way, it duplicates Boston's Fenway Park.

(Staff photo by JOHN FRESÉ)

Granite City's Lakeside Park offers big league amenities

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

At Lakeside Park in Granite City, a spectacular major league whiffle ball complex, the batter always hits with the wind to his back.

That's because the stadium is reversible. Bat from one direction and the field is a scale replica of Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, complete with crown and fountain. Move home plate to second base and the complex is transformed into Boston's Fenway Park, with the "Green Monster" eye-balling you from left field.

Lakeside Park was constructed in 1988 by members of the Lakeside Kings and is fully equipped with many modern features of a big league ballpark, including lights, bleacher seating, upper deck, press box, club house,

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— Jerome Coyle
Professional whiffle ball player

sky deck, a PA system and even luxury boxes.

The complex, located just 10 minutes from St. Louis, sits behind Coyle Mechanical Supply, Inc. at 3721 Illinois 162 in Granite City.

"Lakeside Park came into existence

because we were driven out of every other place we played," said Jerome Coyle. "We were driven out of driveways because we beat up garage doors. We were driven out of yards because we tore up the grass and left

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League stars living a dream

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

The Lakeside Kings travel the nation coast to coast, and from the Gulf of Mexico to the Canadian border, play professional whiffle ball.

Their home field, Lakeside Park in Granite City, is one of the premier major league whiffle ball complexes in the nation and is a great place to view a whiffle ball game.

Stars of the squad are Jerome "Legend" Coyle and Darren "Natural" Bone.

Coyle, a 34-year-old switch hitter, has by his own admission, been playing major league whiffle ball "from the womb."

"I've always played whiffle ball as far back as I can remember," said Coyle. "I played in driveways, in yards, in open fields — anywhere I could find enough room to play a game."

Coyle, who accumulated a 603-201 (.750) career won-lost record, does not pitch professionally any longer.

"I can't throw like I used to," he confessed. "The caliber of play at this level is so high, so intense, that if you're past your prime, you're really past your pitching days. I can no longer throw at the level that I expect pitchers to throw when I bat, so I have given up that part of my whiffle ball career."

But Coyle continues to hit, and to hit well. "The Legend" has a lifetime batting average of .319 more than 2,000 professional games. He has totaled nearly 10,000 hits, has walked more than 4,000 times, has stroked 592 doubles, belted 803 home runs, scored 3,683 runs and has collected almost 3,500 RBIs.

Bone, who has had a solid career at the plate, is best known for his pitching. He can throw hard, can vary his speed, and can send a ball diving, climbing or curving as the situation dictates.

"My arm gets stiff quicker than it used to," said Bone. "But I am still able to throw at this level. And it is

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Triplets stop rally short

T.C. edges Murphysboro 10-9 in division playoffs

LEGION BASEBALL

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Deja vu. For the second time in two days, Tri-City Post 113 squared off against Murphysboro Post 127, this time in the consolation bracket of the Senior Legion Fifth Division Playoffs on Friday afternoon.

The Triplets, who had edged Murphysboro 10-7 on Wednesday, won an even closer 10-9 contest this time.

Once more, Post 113 let a big lead slip away as Murphysboro rallied in the top of the ninth. Once more, Post 127 put the tying run on base in the last inning. And once more Tri-City survived, and advanced to meet Fairview Heights, 6-2 winners over the Triplets on Wednesday night.

Fairview Heights, which fell 11-1 to Mt. Vernon on Thurs-

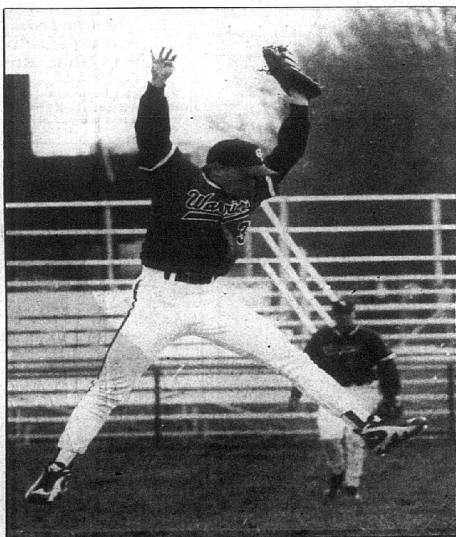
"One thing is for sure, though. We'll have to play better against Fairview Heights if we want to win."

— Ralph Burnett Jr.
Post 113 manager

day, was scheduled to play Post 113 at 4 p.m. Friday.

Tri-City jumped to a 5-0 lead after five innings, scoring three times in the fifth with the aid of only two hits. Two Triplets runners scored on errors and another on a wild pitch. Post 127 committed four errors on the afternoon, leading to a pair of unearned runs, which would turn out to be huge down the stretch.

With the game seemingly safe in hand, and with Paul



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESÉ)

Scott Smallie had two hits and three RBI against Murphysboro.

Coach touts tourney as tutoring tool

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

You have to like the style of Granite City High School football coach Nick Petrillo.

He is determined that training and conditioning from summer camps and tournaments to weightlifting — be a year-round experience for his Warriors.

Part of that offseason preparation includes participation in such affairs as last Saturday's 7-on-7 Passing Tournament in Bethalto.

Granite City joined 25 other teams in the seventh annual round robin, which began at 8:45 a.m. and ended at 4 p.m. Games were played under the scorching sun with temperatures climbing into triple digits.

The Warriors decided earlier in the week to enter the tournament, and as a result, had little time to prepare.

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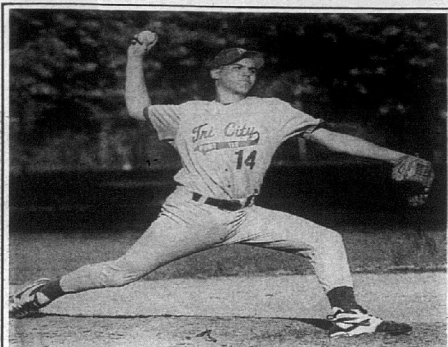
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Paul Kacera delivers to the plate.

•Triplets

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Kacera sailing effortlessly on the mound, it looked like Post 113 would win in a walk. But Murphysboro lashed out a triple, double and two singles in the top of the sixth, scoring four times, to pull within a run, 5-4.

The Triplets retaliated with five runs in the bottom of the inning, parlaying three hits, three walks and an error into a 10-4 advantage with only three frames to play.

The score remained 10-4 heading into the top of the ninth, when Post 127 pulled off another patented rally.

With the score 10-6 and two men on with two men out, David Pierson's single was followed by a Chad McCann triple, and it was suddenly 10-8. Josh Kranawetter single sharply to left, scoring McCann and pulling Murphysboro within a run.

That spelled the end for Paul Kacera. John Kelly came on in relief, getting a 2-2 count on Jeremy Kranawetter before inducing him to lift a fly ball to right for the final out.

"Paul ran out of gas at the end, and he knew it and I knew it," said Post 113 manager Ralph Burnett Jr. "I should have brought John (Kelly) in two batters earlier, but things happened too quickly. Paul works fast. But Paul did exactly what we needed him to do. He went beyond eight innings. And when you're limited in the playoffs to the number of appearances and innings you can get from each pitcher, I don't really want to have to bring anybody in, especially Fiala, whose last appearance we'll need tonight. We needed Paul to go the distance today, and he basically did."

Murphysboro tagged Kacera for 15 hits, 12 of them after the fifth inning. But the right-hander hung tough and got the big outs as needed. When he could go no farther, Kelly was there to pick him up and close out the game.

"Offensively, we played in spurts," said Burnett. "We'd open a lead only to give it back. We didn't concentrate well. It was a lot closer than I thought it would be this afternoon, but we'll take the win. One thing is for sure, though. We'll have to play better against Fairview Heights if we want to win."

Justin Bettorf and Chris Fiala were tabbed as Post 113's pitchers in the late Friday afternoon game against Fairview Heights.

•Prepare

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"We worked out for three days," said Petrillo. "Our main focus was to cover simple basics, like where you line up and who you are to cover. But as far as teaching techniques and really working on offensive plans and disciplined routes, there wasn't enough time and that wasn't our focus."

The Warriors were in Group I, along with Waterloo, Freeburg, Carlinville, Civic Memorial I and Civic Memorial II. The winners of the four groups met in a single elimination playoff with the two semifinal survivors, fighting it out for the championship.

Total points in a game determined the winner. Points were awarded to the offense for defensive pass interference (one point), touchdowns (three points), and completed passes. Passes under 20 yards received one point while those of more than 20 yards received two points.

The defense gained points for interceptions (three points), knockdowns (two), or for sacks,

offensive pass interference, intentional grounding, stopping a play behind the five-yard line and forcing four incomplete passes in a row, all of which were worth one point.

Each team was allowed two sets of 10 offensive plays, first one team and then the other, with a half-time break after the first 10 plays.

Granite City drew Civic Memorial I in the first game. It was a tough draw. The Eagles would eventually sail through the tournament undefeated, crushing Alton 34-12 in the title game.

CM I jumped to a 10-0 first quarter lead, led 15-1 at the half, and went on to manhandle the Warriors 29-8, as Granite's lack of preparation was obvious from the start.

GCIS rebounded in game two, edging Freeburg 20-17. The Warriors led 5-3 at the first stop, due largely to a key interception by Kevin Elliott. The Midgets fought back to within one, 11-10, at the half, and took a 16-12 lead after three quarters.

Late in the contest, with Granite still behind 17-16, reserve

quarterback Zack May hit Jason Dix on a 30-yard touchdown play and the Warriors were in front to stay, 19-17.

Granite City met CM II next, taking an 18-14 lead into the fourth frame on a Rocky Smith to Jeremy Hunter touchdown pass on the last play of period three. But CM II completed eight of 10 passes down the stretch to pull off the 22-20 win.

The Warriors squared Waterloo 24-12 in their third straight game without a break. GCIS fell behind 7-0 after one quarter, but used four second half touchdowns — two to Jeremy Hunter and one each to Jason Dix and Anthony Randazzo — to salt away the victory.

In the finale, the Warriors were worn out from the heat and the punishment of a succession of games. Still, they took an 11-5 lead over Carlinville and were even, 16-16, at the half.

But the Caravans, with more than an hour-and-a-half's rest under their belt, played a strong second half, picking up six defensive points in the fourth quarter, to squeak by the Warriors 28-25.

The loss left GCIS with a 2-3 record.

"We've learned that we've got a lot to learn," said Petrillo. "We came here today to learn. We were primarily looking to see what kind of athletic talent each individual has. We wanted to see where our players were at and where we needed to take them."

Granite City had only two starters from last year's squad participate in the 7-on-7 tournament. All the rest of the players were underclassmen.

"We found some kids who can catch the football, and that's important," Petrillo said. "We have the kids who can throw the ball. Rocky Smith did some really good things out there today, and he learned a lot about how to read a defense. Zack May has a real good arm and did a great job when he was on the field. And Johnny Franco, who is only a freshman, did very well also."

"This was a good learning experience for us. We're coming out of here with some good material to work on. We'll be OK. We'll be real competitive this season."

•Park

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huge bare spots. We were finally given land behind the business to build the stadium. It's a great place to play whiffle ball."

Indeed it is. Royals Stadium is 95 feet down the lines, 105 feet to the power alleys and 117 feet to straightaway center. An 8-foot fence, with a small screen on top, dares a batter to hit one out of the park.

Left field line is 82 feet down the left field line to the bottom of the 13-foot tall "Green Monster," where the wall then

works its way around to 99 feet in the left-center power alley, 109 feet to dead center, 115 feet to the power alley in right, and 109 feet down the right field line.

The parks are built to one-third scale of a major league diamond, though the pitching mound is built to two-thirds scale, sitting 45 feet from the strike target.

The Lakeside Kings, who call Lakeside Park home, have a roster of 38 players, seven to 10 of whom play regularly.

"Represented here is the highest caliber of whiffle ball you're going to find," said

Coyle. "You must be able to throw or hit to play in this league — and I mean by that to throw or hit like a man. Even a weak hit is an out in this league. Hit it like a man, or you're out."

The Lakeside Kings use the half-solid, half-holes whiffle ball, and use aluminum bats, engineered and tested by Coyle, rather than the traditional plastic bats one normally associates with the game.

The Kings play games and tournaments, not only in Granite City, but also in Texas, Florida, Ohio, New Jersey, Massachusetts and many other

locations. National tournaments, with considerable money at stake, is the name of the game at this level of major league whiffle ball.

Thousands of fans have visited Lakeside Park, and major league players such as Tom Pagano and Bryn Smith have actually played there.

Anyone interested in playing with or against the Kings can contact Coyle at 877-5415, or check out Lakeside Park and the Lakeside Kings on the world wide web at www.jl/batco.com.

•Stars

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still fun. Lots of fun."

Bone's career record is a phenomenal 1,013-223 (.620). In nearly 10,000 innings pitched, Bone has fanned 18,993 batters,

while walking only 2,857. In the process, he has allowed less than 2,000 career earned runs. Like Coyle, Bone is 34 years old and is a Granite City native.

Thirty-one year old Greg "Mayrose" Ehlers, also of Granite City, rounds out the heart of the Lakeside Kings lineup.

The Kings play either a Carnival or a Team concept of whiffle ball.

In Team competition, two teams, comprised of from one to six players, battle baseball style.

In Carnival competition, two pitchers go head-to-head, each taking their turns throwing against the rest of the players participating.

The Kings also use aluminum bats, designed by Coyle, instead of plastic bats. "Hit a whiffle ball with one of these bats and you'll never

go back to plastic," said Coyle. "There's no comparison either in the swing or when hitting the ball. You have more power in baseball play with these bats."

It's hard to argue with a guy whose cranked more than 800 career home runs.

"There's no better way to spend an evening than playing whiffle ball," Coyle said. "Sometimes we'll play all night, until 11 p.m. in the morning. When you love whiffle ball the way we do, to play it in a place like Lakeside Park and to play it all across the nation is a dream come true."

•Art

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baseball coach last spring, the school board received 55 applications, including a successful one from Benton native Dan Smith — who had served as an assistant coach at both Osceola (Fla.) High and Kimsimee (Fla.) Community College the past nine years.

Smith, who has 25 years of coaching experience includes stops at Illinois Valley College in 1974-75 and Illinois State in 1976-77, replaced Tony Phelps, who resigned after just 26 wins in three seasons at Benton.

Of interest is that the Benton school board vote to hire Smith was by a 4-3 margin. Benton's storied basketball history includes 30 regional titles, 13 sectional titles, six super-sectional crowns and two third-place finishes at state.

(Art Voellinger is the baseball and soccer coach at O'Fallon High School. He writes a twice-weekly column for the Journal.)

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Blessing of the Fleet held

PORTAGE DES SIOUX, Mo. — The fleet was blessed; the heat was cursed during a recent Sunday afternoon. A heat index of 99 degrees may have kept spectators fewer than participants in the annual Blessing of the Fleet, sponsored by Our Lady of the Rivers Inc.

Still, members of the group, dedicated to keeping the Shrine of Our Lady of the Rivers cleaned up and painted brightly, said the Blessing and boat parade event was a success because it helped raise money for the cause.

Drift logs and brush have to be removed and graffiti has to be erased from the shrine each year, said Drena Glynn of St. Louis, girlfriend of Capt. Art Aubuchon of Portage des Sioux, event chairman.

Aubuchon said commemorative medallions at \$25 are also available by writing him at P.O. Box 155, Portage des Sioux, MO 63373.

"Help of Christ, Pray For Us," is the inscription on the Shrine of Our Lady of the Rivers, built in 1957. Many in the crowd Sunday were carrying umbrellas to keep the sun off their heads and praying for heat relief.

Chester Moss, 82, of Portage des Sioux decided to take refuge under a big tree, a few yards off the shore. Moss said he has seen the parade every year since 1974, except for 1993, when he retired and moved to this small, historic river town.

"It's a beautiful sight to see all these big boats decorated with colored balloons, but mostly what I like is the bathing beauties on the boats, and the more you clap, the more they jump up and down," Moss said.

He said some boats come from as far away as Chicago. "You'll see a lot of nice, big boats, some of the cost \$400,000 or \$500,000. Some are really yachts. It costs \$3 just to turn the key on one of them," Moss said as the parade approached the shrine after forming up about 12 miles upstream.

Meanwhile, The Rev. Mike Sandweg, an electric fan strategically placed beneath his vestment, was using his holy water sprinkler to bless each of 441 sailboats, cruisers, runabouts, inner tubes, jet-propelled skis and other craft as they passed in review.

Aubuchon said the peak year for the parade was 1994 when more than 700 craft rolled by the shrine.

"It was a beautiful day, the first year after the flood, and Archbishop Justin Rigali was here," Aubuchon said. Sandweg, the pastor of St. Francis Catholic Church in Portage des Sioux said during the blessing, "My left arm has a little tennis elbow, but my right arm is fine."

Winners in the parade were Sound of Pleasure, owned by Allen Deuschmann of St. Charles, Mo., in the houseboat division; Instant Relief, owned by Mark Hanna and Bob Hemple of St. Peters, Mo., in the cruiser division; Clown Around, owned by Tom and Jan Schomaker of Portage des Sioux, in the runabout division; The Janis Marie, owned by Ralph and Janis Beacham of Florissant, in the sailboat division and Party Barge owned by Jim Knowles of Alton Lake Estates in the pontoon category.

The theme of the day was "My Favorite Country," and there were several boats decked in red, white and blue. Deuschmann picked a German theme for his Allen's Ark. Instant Relief was festooned in pneumatic chili peppers, honoring Mexico.

Clown Around was decked out in island style with tissue paper palms.

The Schomakers have owned the boat for two years and have won two trophies.

Wearing the traditional paper grass skirt, Jan Schomaker said her favorite country was "any island is fine with us." She finally settled on Tahiti.

Eagles Auxiliary

Eagles Auxiliary 1126 hosted the District 7 meeting held in Granite City on June 1 with 42 members present.

Thirteen local members attended: Joanne Spencer, Katie Kostoff, Marla Simpson, Mildred Boyd, Hilda Melton, Rose Plechocinski, Flo Stokes, Sue Allen, Darlene Aurand, Gladys Freeman, Marcella Norbert, Wilma Dorch, and Helen Mihu.

Mildred Boyd, Auxiliary 1126 president, opened the meeting and introduced her officers for 1997-98, who were installed on May 31.

The gavel was then turned over to Vivian Tosi, district director, and her officers: Marilyn Oyer, junior past director; Joanne Spencer, vice director; Doris Wallace, chaplain; Barbara Wright, conductor; Martha Simpson, inside guard; Rose Gibson, outside guard; Rita Cuoco, secretary/treasurer; Elaine Jagla, protem historian; Grace Gasparian, musician; and Pam Pace, Evelyn Jacobs, and Marilyn Seper, trustees.

Nominations of officers held for the 1997-98 years, and the following members have been nominated: Joanne Spencer, district director; Doris Wallace, vice director; Barbara Wright, chaplain; Evelyn Jacobs, secretary/treasurer; Katie Kostoff, conductor; Elaine Jagla, historian; Hazel McCormick, district mother; and trustees Pam Pace, Martha Simpson, Margie Condemi, Tosi will serve as junior past director and Grace Gasparian will continue as musician.

Katie Kostoff was nominated as conductor in the absence of any Wood River member being in attendance, and Wood River Auxiliary will be given the opportunity to nominate a member from their auxiliary at the next meeting.

The district honored the "mother" from each auxiliary present: Doris Wallace, Dorothy Mayberry, and Kathy Dulea.

The district donated \$25 for the 4-Square Church Food Pantry in Madison.

Prizes were won by Sue Allen, Joanne Spencer, Theresa Zippich, Debbie Korte, and the Traveling Trophy was won by Collinsville for the highest percentage of members present, and it was accepted by Vivian Tosi.

Jerseyville Auxiliary 2747 will host the next district meeting on Sept. 7.

Guests in attendance were Nancy Korte, Lettie Tosi and Mary Fowler, Collinsville #1051; Mary (Tina) Brainerd, Charlotte Pace, Beth, Gerry

Scroggins, Paula and Zelma Clothier, Jerseyville.

Trio Club

The regular meeting of Trio Homemakers Club was held at Hope Lutheran Church with 26 members present.

Glenna Eaton and Vivian Forshee gave a lesson on "Teaching Children Responsibility."

Memorial will be sent in memory of Betty Epperson's husband, Thomas, to the Building Fund at City.

Thank you note was read for Memorial Gift sent for Victor Anderson and a thank you note from Louise and Steve Anderson for cards and prayers and the memorial gift to United Presbyterian Church for Victor Anderson.

"20 year certificates of achievement" were given to Lucille Sackett and Helen Miller.

Wilma Dulaski volunteered to take the office of second vice president for the next term.

Trio Unit of Madison County Association for Home and Community Education met at noon July 1 for its regular monthly meeting at Hope Lutheran Church in Granite City with 24 members present.

A picnic/potluck luncheon was enjoyed by the members with Pauline Nichols, Emma Jakich Annette Scott and Louise Anderson serving as hostesses.

Naomi Chapman installed Wilma Dulaski as second vice president and Vivian Forshee (pro tem) for Barbara Phelps, who all serve as treasurer. Both will serve as officers for the next two years.

Naomi Chapman conducted the entertainment with Emma Jakich, Annette Scott, Helen Miller, Betty Epperson, Lucille Sackett, Roberta Cotterly, Judith Schatz, Millie Talley, Sarah Huber, Louise Anderson, Lou Taur, Juanita McCarty, Marilou Lybarger and Clara Trgovich winning prizes.

The winners were inside guard Wanda Trent, outside guard Elaine Jagla, and Southern Zone trustee Eleanor Everingham. Past President Sharon DeHewe of Springfield was elected to be a nominee for the National Auxiliary.

A prayer breakfast was held on Saturday morning with Past Worthy President Mike Smith as the speaker. Cathy Casey of Granite City was the soloist and the honoree of the breakfast was Clyde Meyers the state president husband.

Joanna Spencer of Granite City was in charge of the banquet and Nina Jackson, Millie Weatherford and Ann Pates were in charge of decorations. Awards for the state project, which was Phila Abate, were given out with Granite City, winning first place plaque. Joan Mc Maso was chairman. The state of Illinois raised \$42,703.30 for this

attended. They are Vera Johnson, Amelia Weatherford, and Barbara Modrusic. Other auxiliary members attending were Sue Rogers, Mary Church, Dorothy Landfried, Helen Mihu, Ruth Jorgensen, Helen Pechad, Sharon Case and Barbara Ramsey.

Granite City won a plaque for being a quota auxiliary. Secretary Vincine Zerian won a certificate of appreciation.

Granite City won 100 percent participation certificates for all the state projects. Granite City won first place plaques for Alzheimer's - Barbara Modrusic chairman; Disaster - Helen Mihu chairman; Eagle Education - Mildred Boyd chairman; Jim and Laverne Malynski, co-chairmen; and second place plaques for Gold-an Eagle, Florence Hagnauer chairman and Kidney, Ann Pates chairman.

The nominating committee gave their report: Junior Past President Helen Meyer, Alton, President Ruth Brown, Waukegan, Vice President Theresa McWhinnie, Springfield; Secretary Lorraine Giano, Forest Park; Treasurer Rita Cuoco, Alton; Chaplain Pauline Bowen, Floria; Conductor, Karen Piest, Berwyn; Inside Guard Betty Clarke, Macomb; Outside Guard Elaine Jagla, Shiloh; Northern Zone Trustee Sharon Woolley, Rockford; Central Trustee Zone Ronny McQueen, Southern Zone Trustee Eleanor Everingham, Horing; Rotating trustee, Sherry Keaton.

Nominations from the floor for inside guard were Wanda Trent, Peoria, and Margaret Roundtree, Monmouth. For Southern Zone trustee, Marsha Bryant Carbondale; for outside guard, Joanna Spencer Granite City.

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charity. At the banquet a check in the amount of \$5,000 was given to Oncology Case Center in Belleville for Cancer and a \$5,000 check to St. Anthony's Health Center in Alton for Heart Research.

The final session was on Sunday morning with Florence Hagnauer and Angie Buehler of Granite City being awarded with fabulous fifth ladies in honor of the 50th anniversary of the State Auxiliary. Florence Stokes of Granite City won first place blue ribbon for her visual aid and Vincine Zerian first place blue ribbon for her Publicity book.

Minerva Woman's Club

The Minerva Woman's club of Granite City held its Annual Mother Daughter Banquet at the Sunset Hills Country Club in Edwardsville on May 1.

A delicious buffet dinner was served to 82 members, honorary members, relatives and friends. Entertainment was provided by Teresa Liebsch, a graduate student at the SIUE Music School. She sang several selections from Broadway hit shows.

The new officers for the 1997-98 club year were installed by President Dena Lovachoff, assisted by member Millie Chandler. The new officers are Pat Criley, president; Ruth Houser, vice president; Rena Schabitz, recording secretary; Phyllis Brusatti, correspondence secretary; Kitty Reither, treasurer; and Ruth Thornberry, sergeant of arms.

Those attending the banquet were: JoAnn Terrell, Emma Jean Wyrostek, Sarah Metcalf, Jeanie Spore, Fran Holt, Carolyn Sykes, Stefanie Holstein, Clara Parker, Sharon Parker, Pat Hewlett, Jane Franko, Catherine Tretter, Marilyn Bodnam, Elizabeth Bodnam, Joyce Toussaint, Kris Dobler, Sally Toussaint, Katie Toussaint, Kathrine Harrison, Millie Chandler, Janice Krape, Vicki Chandler, Dena Lovachoff, Darlene Frame, Mary Lou Tonsick, Rena Schabitz, Ruth Thornberry, Kathy Thornberry, Rees, Kitty Reither, Delores Yates, Marilyn Barry, Cathy Busch, Mae Wolf, Jewell Backs, Barbara Barr, Harriet Horn, Beverly Benoit, Phyllis Hensley, Jennifer Benoit, Ruth Houser, JoAnn Sebesack, Helen Christich, Nora Todoroff, Betty Griley, Laurie Griley, Pat Criley, Kris Griley, Ruby Schiber, Marlean Manogian, Debbie Manogian, Lauren Manogian, Allison Manogian, Rose Torodan, Arlene Laub, Cathy Laub, Jena Laub, Helen Cook, Thelma Peterson, Charlotte Re Rapp, Jean Schwarzkopf, Jean Steiner, Bonnie Burk.

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PEOPLE

Area's varied ethnicity has something for all



Graphic By Molly Cook

Jobs' lure brought Hispanics

By Ron Wisdom
Staff writer

Joseph Poncho Carrillo came to Fairmont City in 1926. Like many other Mexican families, Carrillo's was going where the jobs were. "Times were different back then," said Carrillo, now 79 and a resident of Collinsville. "We just migrated everywhere. My family had been all over the northern states and they just came back down, looking for work."

Carrillo's family left Mexico when he was 6 months old, he said. From there, they traveled to Nebraska and then to Kansas. When he was 7

years old, his family came to Fairmont City to work at the smelting plants.

"You just went wherever they had work," he said. "Whatever it was, you'd do it. Up north, it was vegetables or what have you. Out in Kansas it was the smelters."

Carrillo's family was just one of many Spanish-speaking Mexican families that moved into the area at the time. Many Spanish-speaking families from Spain also made their way into the Metro East area then.

Today, the Mexican and Spanish ancestry is still very strong in

Fairmont City. Many Mexican stores and restaurants line the small town's streets.

Many Spanish-speaking children still attend the schools in Fairmont City and the surrounding area.

"We scattered all over back then," he said. "But it was the same all over, even out in California. It was wild west times and you worked where there was work."

"It's the same today," he said. "People come to work in the grapes and the orchards and they leave when the work is done."

German heritage is richly abundant in Monroe County

By Joe Leicht
and Marge Wilson
Staff writers

Whether you're attending Maestown's annual Fruhlingfest and Oktoberfest or Waterloo's Porta Westfalica Fest, or spying town mascot Fritz Schnickel's image adorning Columbia's City Hall marker, it becomes obvious that Monroe County wears its German heritage proudly.

Nothing better evinces the county's German tradition better than the classic stone architecture of some of its older churches.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Wartburg — an unincorporated town about four miles south of Waterloo with a population of 54 — was built in 1863 and the congregation continues to celebrate annual Good Friday services in the original German tongue of Martin Luther. The town gets its name from the castle where Luther first translated the Bible into German in the 1500s.

Immaculate Conception

"Most of (the immigrants) were farmers. They saw a real opportunity for farming. They began coming in the 1830s and encouraged their friends and relatives to come."

Vera Kohlmeier
Waterloo sister city program co-founder

Church in Madonnville and New Hanover's Zoar United Church of Christ also are traditional German structures, the latter attached to a cemetery where many of Monroe County's early German immigrants were laid to rest.

Maestown, which retains much of the Old World ambience imparted by German



The Waterloo German Band plays as it rides on its own float during a recent area parade.

(Staff photos by JOE LEICHT)

immigrant Jacob Maey when he founded the village in 1852. Apple butter, baked goods, bratwurst and traditional

German and European foods and crafts draw visitors from around the Midwest to Maestown's annual festivals

and holiday celebrations. Waterloo and Columbia civic organizations actively promote their cities' German ties, and each city has a German sister city. Columbia has Gernern; Waterloo has Porta Westfalica. Lifelong Waterloo resident Vera Kohlmeier co-founded Waterloo's Sister City program in 1981 when she met then-Porta Westfalica Bürgermeister Helmut Macke during a family vacation visit to Germany. Kohlmeier and her husband Wilbert had decided to explore the Porta Westfalica area after a genealogical search discovered that as many as two-thirds of the Monroe County population could trace their roots there.

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Columbia has been Gernern's sister city since 1993.

The Waterloo German Band, led by Harry Wolf, has been a group of roving ambassadors for Waterloo and Monroe County's German heritage for more than 50 years. The group regularly performs at parades and cultural festivals in the St. Louis/Metro East area.

Waterloo Mayor Bob Krump (at far left) welcomes Porta Westfalica Bürgermeister Heinrich Shafer, Sister Cities International co-founder Helmut Macke, Sister Cities President Karl Heinz Wille and interpreter Ernst Jurgen Mundt at a 1996 City Hall visit.



Koreans adjust, adapt

By Mark Hodapp
Staff writer

Melinda Park of Granite City is still trying to adjust to the American lifestyle.

"I'm still a traditional Korean person," said Park, who moved to the United States with her father in 1986. "(But) now when I go back and visit, (the residents) look at me and ask where I did come from."

Originally from Seoul, Korea, Park owns King Seafood and Oriental Grocery in O'Fallon.

Like many first-generation Koreans who relocated in the United States, Park has had to make a number of adjustments, including adapting to a lifestyle she still doesn't understand at times.

"I like it here now," she said. "But the first three years here were rather difficult. I cried every night because I missed my friends."

Park and several other Koreans are also doing something her native country's traditionalists couldn't fathom: She and several other Korean women are working.

While there are more women in the workplace in Korea today, that would have been frowned upon only a few years ago.

But in the United States it's a necessity for many women to work, Park said.

"It's more expensive to live here and you have a lot of bills," she said.

Like Park, Kim Carrico of Collinsville owns a business. A former shoe store manager, Carrico owns The Ice Cream Haven in O'Fallon.

She moved to Collinsville when she was 18 years old and said her first three years in the United States were difficult.

Carrico said a lot of Koreans chose to relocate in this area because of Scott Air Force Base.

"The Midwest is also more friendly," she said.

So Yon Aquino of O'Fallon came to the United States 17 years ago to continue her education. Today, Aquino runs Southview Cleaners in O'Fallon, a business that her father started.

But Aquino said she misses living in a larger city. Originally from Tagu, Korea, Aquino said she has found it difficult adjusting to slower-paced living.

"It's safe here, but there are not many things to do," she said.

He moved to the United States in 1969 to continue his education and came to the Shiloh church about 1 1/2 years ago.

He said he always to live in the United States.

But like Aquino, Carrico and Park he faced some difficult times moving to the United States initially. In fact, Lim said he has found a cycle of mental and physical adjustment occurs about every five years.

"The first years are very difficult; you are homesick," he said.

Lim said during the next cycle, he began to see some stability.

In 1982, he said his dream of becoming an American citizen became a reality. And, now that he has lived here almost 30 years, Lim said he is asking himself the same questions that he raised initially, among them, why did he choose to leave his native country for the United States?

Ethnic Day is tribute to everyone

By Kimberly Haas
Staff writer

Fairview Heights resident David Jacknewitz says he had the best of three different worlds growing up — Lithuanian, Polish and Irish.

His father, Joseph, is Lithuanian; his mother, Lucille, was Polish; and most of his classmates at St. Patrick's School in East St. Louis were Irish.

"I was of Lithuanian and Polish descent, while almost everybody that I went to school with at St. Patrick's had last names that started with 'O's,'" Jacknewitz said. "I think I had an advantage because I got to live with all three. I got to know more people and see how they lived."

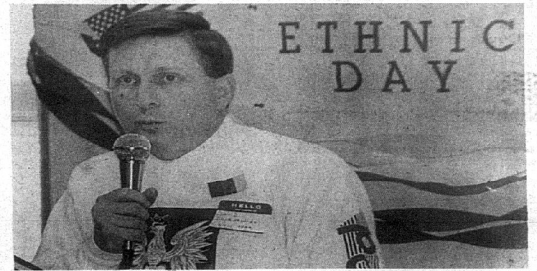
Jacknewitz recalls Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays with his family and about 50 relatives dining on Polish delicacies, including sausages, breads and dumplings. And on Fridays, he often looked forward to Polish dumplings, made with either cheese or cabbage.

"We ate a lot of (Polish dumplings) during Lent," Jacknewitz said.

He also remembers his mother using the Polish language to help her son out on the baseball field.

When I was in the sixth grade, I pitched for St. Patrick's (Baseball team). The coaches at St. Adalbert's (a Polish church in East St. Louis) would speak Polish and forget that I was playing and that my mom was in the stands," Jacknewitz said.

Jacknewitz's mother would interpret the signals for her son, telling him what the opposing team's plays



(Staff photo by J.L. WITT)

David Jacknewitz founded Ethnic Day as a tribute to his Polish mother, Lucille.

were during the game. Of course that would give the St. Patrick's team an advantage over the perplexed St. Adalbert's team.

"That coach would stand on the sidelines scratching his head," Jacknewitz said.

Jacknewitz's pride in his heritage resulted seven years ago in Fairview Heights' first Ethnic Day. Every year, Ethnic Day is held on Casimir Pulaski Day — serving as an everlasting tribute to his deceased Polish mother.

"I was very close to my mother," he said.

And Jacknewitz said he hopes events like Ethnic Day keep bringing different nationalities together. At the 1997 Ethnic Day, about 25 different nationalities were represented.

"It's a good day, where everybody can get together. People seem to enjoy it because they get to express their own nationality," Jacknewitz said. "No nationality is left out."

The 1998 Ethnic Day will be held on Casimir Pulaski Day, Monday, March 2, at 10 a.m. in the Caseyville Township Building in Fairview Heights.

FAMILY

SIUE seeks help for foreign students

Students from other countries attending Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville are greeted with hospitality, thanks to one organization.

"Thank for a moment about one of our young college students traveling to a strange country, entering a new culture and beginning classes, all within a few days. And all they can bring with them is what fits into two suitcases," said Doris Givlio, a host for foreign college students for more than 25 years.

"We need additional families to assist in this most worthy endeavor," Givlio said. As part of the International Hospitality Program at SIUE, several members of area communities are part of a welcoming committee for foreign students.

"It's been a rewarding experience," Givlio said. She said the students can look to these individuals, and others, as a guiding light to direct them to a successful path.

"I think the experience is mutually rewarding," she said.

"We've had students from several countries," Givlio said and other sponsors have helped students from Syria, Norway, Taiwan, China and other places around the globe.

"It was a way of the world coming to us," she said. Givlio recently received a telephone call from a man whose voice she did not recognize. It turned out to be a student she had sponsored 20 years ago.

"We had a good time catching up on 20 years of his life," she said.

International Hospitality Program will have an orientation meeting for new and continuing host families from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the Madison Mutual Insurance Building on Illinois 157, at 1 Mutual Court in Edwardsville.

The organization consists of a partnership between campus and community, and it works to provide healthy relationships between international students and American families.

— From The Telegraph



Run — AMVETS 204 Disabled American Veterans of Quad City Auxiliary 53 and AMVETS 51 greeted the motorcyclists making "The Run for the Wall" at Jefferson Barracks Hospital in St. Louis. When the group made its 9 a.m. stop at the hospital, members were greeted by the DAV and AMVETS members with coffee, doughnuts and refreshments to take with them on their journey. The motorcyclists travel cross-country each year for a Memorial Day service at the Vietnam Wall, stopping at numerous veterans hospitals along the way.

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FRIDAY, Aug. 8 — Fish nuggets, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, slice of bread, chilled pears, milk.

Nichols receives national honor

Jessica Nichols, daughter of Mrs. Angela Milton and the late David Nichols, has received recognition on the National Dean's List for the 1996-97 school year.

The National Dean's List is the largest, most prestigious publication in the country, recognizing academically gifted students selected by college officials or other educational organizations. Only 1/2 of 1 percent of the United States' college students receive this award.

Nichols, of Granite City, recently completed her freshman year at the University of Illinois in Chicago. Honors College, where she has a guaranteed acceptance into medical school.

"She has a 5.0 grade point average and graduated in 1996 from Granite City High School. Her memberships include the Dean's High Honor roll; Freshman Honor Society; Biological Honor Society; East Side Hall Council; and Residence Hall Associations.

YMCA offers trip to California

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New members — St. John United Church of Christ, 2901 Nameoki, received four new members into the church on Pentecost Sunday, May 18. From left are Chad Teoniskoter, Deena Garner, Julie Dean and Candace Richmond.

Retired school office group meets

Retired office personnel of Granite City School District 9 held their May meeting at Brenda's.

Those in attendance were June Schneider, June Mercer, Arlene Haldeman, Millie Chandler, Wanda Kutzer, Lucie Stucke, Helen Favier, Evelyn Glozik, Barbara Larner, Frieda Andrews, Marcella Pilcher, Dorothy Larner, Marge Burdge and Lucille Caban.

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Casino's withdrawal draws mixed reactions

By Ellen Ellick
Staff writer

When the Board of Aldermen last year approved plans for a new \$76-million Downtown jail, some aldermen complained about the financing plan because it depended on gaming revenues.

Now that St. Louis Entertainment Ventures (SEV) has withdrawn its casino proposal, some are questioning the impact this action may have on city projects such as the jail.

SEV had planned a \$90 million to \$100 million project for a casino that would have floated in a basin on First Street.

Most officials say SEV's withdrawal will not affect the jail project, which they say does not count on the revenues from a second gambling boat.

But Alderman James Shrewsbury, D-16th Ward, says the recent SEV decision illustrates his earlier complaint that the financing for the jail was "shaky."

"Gaming is not going to be a dependable source of income," he said. He added that if gaming money is insufficient, the city will have to make payments on the jail bonds either from the capital budget or the general revenue budget.

If the city had to turn to general revenue funds to make the debt payments, the result could be fewer jobs at City Hall. Steve Engelhardt, a spokesman for Comptroller Darlene Green, said that won't happen.

"There's absolutely no problem," Engelhardt said. "The repayment plan we anticipated any revenues from the SEV project and in fact does not even depend on any gaming revenue. Even in the worst case scenario, if the Admiral closed, the city would have no problems with the payments. It would never be necessary to dip into general revenue."

Shrewsbury, however, said that aldermen and citizens would be asking if the city had to pay for the jail out of the revenue from the half-cent sales tax for capital improvements.

"If we have to use the capital funds, it's less street paving, fewer trees planted, less neighborhood improvements," he said. "We were promised the jail without a cut in funds for community and neighborhood improvements."

Aldermanic President Francis G. Slay said SEV's withdrawal could turn out to be a positive development. He said that because of restrictions in the SEV lease, the city's hands were tied with what it could do on the riverfront.

"This frees the city's hands and gives us a lot more flexibility with what we can do. We have to recognize that we do have a gambling boat with a license and seize the opportunity to make that one more profitable," Slay said.

He said that the Admiral may now be able to move its location north to a more profitable location.

One of the reasons SEV withdrew its casino plans was because the state had said it had no plans to issue any new casino licenses in the future.

Slay said, "We'll be working on increasing

the revenues from the one boat that we have."

Slay acknowledged that many people are disappointed that gaming didn't turn out to be the bonanza some had once hoped it would be. At one time city officials were hearing estimates of up to \$30 million from gaming revenue. The city currently receives about \$6.5 million, he said.

Last week Mike Jones, chief of staff for Mayor Clarence Harmon, said SEV's decision was not a surprise to the mayor, he added. "This administration will not base its financial future on gaming."

Slay said that although he thinks current developments in the gaming industry will not hurt the city's future, he noted that money spent on the jail is also money that otherwise could go elsewhere.

"This jail's going to cost a lot of money," he said. "Unfortunately, we've got to build it. We are going into debt and spending on a jail what we could be spending on other things."

But he said the city must build the jail because of its public safety responsibilities and because it is under a court order to reduce overcrowding in the City Jail and at the Medium Security Institution on Hall Street, known as the City Workhouse.

Alderman Fred Wessels, D-13th, has served on the capital committee, which recommends how capital money should be spent. He said he is convinced that current gaming revenues should make it unnecessary to draw from the half-cent sales tax revenues to make payments on the jail bonds.

"For the last couple of years it has been obvious that the city would not have more than one river boat," Wessels said. But commenting on the Admiral, he said, "Even at the current level of operations, it's a gold mine for the City of St. Louis."

Wessels said that if the Admiral went out of business, the city would have to either use the sales tax funds or ask to voters to approve a bond issue.

Both Wessels and Slay said delays are increasing the cost of the jail and that increased costs create additional concern. The city currently is mired in a court battle over condemnation of the Court Square building, which must be demolished if the jail is to go on the Downtown jail site according to the existing plan. Some are now suggesting the possibility of a plan which would spare Court Square but possibly take the election board building.

The funding plan for the jail calls for annual debt service payments of about \$5.5 million on the revenue bonds issued last year. That payment money was to come from \$3 million in gaming revenue in the capital fund and \$5 million in state prisoner reimbursements, according to statements issued by former Mayor Freeman Bosley, Jr.

The city earlier had predicted it would be preparing the site for the new jail by this time, with a predicted opening date of about December, 1999. Officials now say it's unlikely that the jail will open by then.

St. Louis installs brighter street lights

By Ellen Ellick
Staff writer

The nights are growing lighter in many parts of St. Louis.

Street by street, ward by ward, city workers are replacing street lights with new ones that are often twice as bright as the ones they replace.

This "lighting enhancement," as it's called, is a big hit with St. Louis citizens.

"People will come out and thank the workers who are replacing the lights," said Stephen J. Runde, traffic and lighting commissioner.

Don Rideout, signs and lighting superintendent, said the demand for upgraded lighting is "mushrooming" as citizens and their aldermen compare the old with the new.

Some aldermen have replaced all the street lights in their wards, using portions of the half-cent sales tax money allocated to the individual wards for capital improvements. Other aldermen are jumping on the band wagon.

Runde said he has received \$610,000 from various aldermen to pay for lighting enhancement during 1996. Verbal commitments from others could bring the total to \$800,000, which would make 1996 the brightest year yet in St. Louis.

In addition, citywide funds will pay for completing a three-year program to increase the amount of wattage provided by city street lights in heavily used areas. To date, the lights are now brighter around schools, recreation centers and parks. The next emphasis is around churches.

Alderman Martie Aboussie, D-9th Ward, was the first alderman to light up his entire ward with higher wattage bulbs. Alderman Gregory D. Carter, D-27th, was also among the first to completely brighten his ward.

Aboussie said he remembered listening to former Mayor Freeman Bosley, Jr., talking about wanting to light up certain areas and thinking, "Why not light up everything?"

Aboussie said he knew his constituents were concerned about lighting because they often complained about their streets being too dark. Since 1994 Aboussie has spent \$160,480 of his ward money for lighting enhancement.

"The reaction has been tremendous," he said, noting that the difference is quite dramatic where a street with higher wattage lights bumps up against one with the lower wattage.

Naturally, adjoining wards are often next to invest in lighting. Adjoining Aboussie's ward, the 10th Ward and the 15th Ward are now close to being changed over to brighter lights.

While some aldermen have yet to jump into street lighting, others have been including at least some money for lighting in every budget. For example, Alderman Robert Ruggeri, D-24th Ward, has spent \$87,500 on lighting and has another \$30,000 for lighting in his upcoming budget.

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— Stephen J. Runde
Traffic commissioner

Other wards that have invested heavily in enhanced lighting are Ward 1 (\$160,480) and Ward 3 (\$133,000) on the North Side.

Some with ambitious plans for the upcoming year include Alderman Mike Mitchell, D-4th Ward, who said he will put \$130,000 into street lighting; Alderman Bennice Jones, D-21st Ward, \$133,000; Alderman Terry Kennedy, D-18th Ward, \$150,000; and Alderman Sharon Tyus, D-20th Ward, \$133,000.

Other aldermen with plans to spend more than \$50,000 in fiscal '98 on lighting enhancement include Fred Wessels, D-13th Ward; Jim Shrewsbury, D-16th Ward; Dan McGuire, D-28th Ward; Parrie May, D-1st Ward; Craig Schmid, D-10th Ward; Matt Villa, D-11th Ward and Nancy Weber, D-2nd Ward.

Runde said the city has 51,000 street lights, with 30,000 in residential areas. Those in residential areas have either 70 watt bulbs or 150 watt bulbs if they have been replaced. Major streets have 150 watt bulbs until upgraded to either 250 or 300 watts. Downtown lights are 400 watts.

Aldermen typically use their ward money for projects that include lighting, street resurfacing, alley reconstruction, dumpster replacement and improvements to parks. Since different wards have different needs, enhanced lighting may or may not be a priority in any given ward. In the fiscal '98 budget year, aldermen are receiving \$315,500 for capital improvements in their wards.

During the mid 1980s the city switched from mercury vapor to high pressure sodium light bulbs, a move that was unpopular with many citizens who thought the new bulbs with their rosy tint didn't provide adequate light.

City officials said the new bulbs were more energy efficient, providing the same amount of light at lower wattage. Some residents, however, didn't accept that explanation and argued for brighter lights.

Mayor Bosley, when running successfully for mayor, made pre-election promises to do something about the lighting. The citywide campaign to enhance lighting in certain areas was his response to those promises.

The higher wattage lights going in are still high pressure sodium lights, but the higher wattage seems to eliminate some of the color from the bulbs, observers say.



Beautification — Above, Kathy Goclan, beautification chairman of the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce, and Linda Manis, left, vice president of the Women's Division of the Granite City Chamber of Commerce, present a beautification award to Scott Knight, owner of Rain Tunnel Express. Below, Goclan presents a beautification award to Al and Shirl Kibort, owners of ShirlK Floral Designs. Manis is at left. In bottom photo, Goclan and Manis present an award to Brian Raterman, Bryan Nosal and Jack Tastad, owner of Enterprise Leasing, Granite City.



Local unit hosts HCE meeting

The Southwest District semi-annual meeting of The Madison County Association for Home and Community Education was held May 6 at Hope Lutheran Church. It was hosted by members of the Granite City Unit.

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Gen Hill, vice president, and Judy Baker, treasurer, were not able to attend. Unit presidents in attendance were Mary Thebeau, Granite City Unit, and Sarah Huber, Trio Unit; 43 members and one guest attended.

Installation of new district officers was conducted by Haerer. Huber, vice president and proxy for Judy Baker, who will continue as treasurer.

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